

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for sending a message, the method
2 comprising:
3 receiving a message from a sender to a recipient, the message being sent by a first
4 device that communicates in a first protocol;
5 determining a recipient identifier for the recipient for the message, the recipient
6 identifier usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;
7 determining the plurality of device types associated with the recipient using the
8 recipient identifier, wherein device identifiers are associated with the plurality of device types;
9 dynamically determining a device type in the plurality of device types in which to
10 send the message in response to receiving the message from the sender; and
11 sending the message to the device identifier associated with the determined device
12 type, the message being received in a second protocol by a second device that communicates in
13 the second protocol.
- 1 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically
2 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on content of the
3 message.
- 1 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 determining communication capabilities for device types in the plurality of device types, wherein
3 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on the communication
4 capabilities for the plurality of device types.
- 1 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 determining one or more preferences associated with the recipient, wherein dynamically

3 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on the one or more
4 preferences.

1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 determining presence information for the recipient, wherein dynamically determining the device
3 type comprises determining the device type based on the presence information.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A method for sending a message, the method
2 comprising:
3 receiving a message from a sender to a recipient;
4 determining a recipient identifier for the recipient for the message, the recipient
5 identifier usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;
6 determining the plurality of device types associated with the recipient using the
7 recipient identifier, wherein device identifiers are associated with the plurality of device types;
8 dynamically determining a device type in the plurality of device types in which to
9 send the message in response to receiving the message from the sender; and
10 sending the message using to the device identifier associated with the determined
11 device type,

12 ~~The method of claim 5,~~ wherein the device type is determined based on presence
13 information that indicates a device for the device type is active.

1 Claims 7-9. (Canceled)

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically
2 determining the device type comprises:
3 determining a communication type in which to send the message; and
4 determining the device identifier associated with the communication type.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message does not
2 specify the device identifier.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message is
2 addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A method for sending a message, the method
2 comprising:
3 receiving a message from a first user for a second user, the message being sent by
4 a first device that communicates using a first protocol;
5 determining a user identifier for the recipient for the message, the user identifier
6 usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;
7 determining a device type in the plurality of device types associated with the
8 second user using the identifier;
9 determining a format associated with the determined device type;
10 determining if the message needs to be adapted to the determined format;
11 if the message does need to be adapted, performing the steps of
12 adapting the message to the determined format; and
13 sending the adapted message to the determined device;
14 if the message does not need to be adapted, sending the message to a device
15 identifier for the determined device type, [[.]]
16 whereby the message is received by a second device, and where the second device
17 uses a second protocol then the message is received by the second device in the second protocol.

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the format comprises at least
2 one of a short message system (SMS), email, instant message (IM), and voice message format.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein adapting the message
2 comprises adapting content of the received message to content compatible with the determined
3 format.

1 15. (Canceled)

1 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, 17, wherein the received
2 message does not specify the determined device identifier.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, 17, wherein the received
2 message is addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent
3 message.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein determining the
2 device type comprises using at least one of content of the message, communication capabilities
3 for the plurality of device types, one or more preferences associated with the second user, and
4 presence information for devices in the plurality of device types associated with the second user.

1 19. (Currently Amended) A device configured to route messages for a
2 plurality of users, the device comprising:

3 a receiver configured to receive a message from a first user in the plurality of
4 users, the first user using a first device communicating using a first protocol;

5 an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second user for
6 the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with the
7 second user;

8 a device type determiner configured to determine a device type in one or more
9 device types associated with the second user in the plurality of users, the device type determined
10 using the identifier; and

11 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated with the
12 determined device for the second user, the message being received in a second protocol by the
13 determined device, the determined device communicating using the second protocol.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 19, wherein the device type is
2 determined based on at least one of communication capabilities of the one or more device types,
3 one or more preferences associated with the second user, and presence information for device
4 types in the plurality of device types associated with the second user.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 19, further comprising a
2 formatter configured to format the received message to a format compatible with the determined
3 device type.

1 22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 19, further comprising a
2 database configured to store information for one or more device types associated with the
3 plurality of users.

1 23. (Canceled)

1 24. (Currently Amended) A system for sending messages, the system
2 comprising:
3 a plurality of users, each user associated with one or more device types;
4 a message router configured to route messages from a first user to a second user,
5 the message router comprising:
6 a receiver configured to receive a message from the first user;
7 an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second
8 user for the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with
9 the second user;
10 a device determiner configured to determine a device type in the plurality of
11 device types associated with the second user, the device type determined using the identifier;
12 and
13 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated
14 with the determined device type for the second user, [[.]]
15 wherein in message is generated by a first device that communicates in a first
16 protocol and received in a second protocol by a second device that communicates in the second
17 protocol.

1 25. (Canceled)

1 26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 24, wherein the first user
2 comprises a device type that communicates in a communication type of at least one of email,
3 SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 24, wherein the
2 communication types associated with the one or more device types comprises at least one of
3 email, SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.

1 30. (Currently Amended) A method for sending a message to a recipient, the
2 method comprising:

3 receiving a message from a sender to a recipient, the message being addressed to
4 a username for the recipient;

5 determining a plurality of addresses associated with the recipient using the
6 username, wherein the username for the recipient is different from the plurality of addresses
7 associated with the recipient and the plurality of addresses being addresses in which the recipient
8 can receive messages;

9 dynamically determining an address in the plurality of addresses in which to send
10 the message in response to receiving the message from the sender; [[and]]

11 converting the message from a first protocol to a second protocol, where a first
12 device sending the message communicates using the first protocol and a second device to receive
13 the message communicates using the second protocol; and

14 sending the message to the determined address for the recipient.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the plurality of
2 addresses are associated with a plurality of device types.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the plurality of
2 addresses are sent through different communication channels to the plurality of device types.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the recipient
2 identifier is different from the device identifier.

1 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the user
2 identifier is different from the device identifier.

1 35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the user identifier
2 is different from the device identifier.

1 36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the user identifier
2 is different from the device identifier.